

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 827 - HB 916

March 25, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits removal of a pregnant prisoner to a state penitentiary or branch of prison for safekeeping unless medically necessary for the health of the prisoner or the unborn child. Prohibits the use of solitary confinement for pregnant inmates and inmates who have given birth within the past eight weeks, unless the inmate has demonstrated potential for self-harm, harm to the unborn child, or harm to other inmates or correction staff.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation specifies a prisoner is considered pregnant beginning on the day which the pregnancy is confirmed by a healthcare professional and ending at the conclusion of postpartum recovery, defined as the six-week period, or longer as determined by a healthcare professional responsible for the prisoner's healthcare, following delivery, stillbirth, miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or other non-live birth outcome, and includes the entire period that the prisoner is in the hospital or infirmary.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction (DOC), the proposed legislation will not impact current procedures already in place by DOC.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local incarceration resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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